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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STAFF

Space Station Report (DRAFT) (U) Subj:

Your memo of 4 Aug 1983, same subject Ref:

- 1. (S) The subject paper has been reviewed in accordance with reference (a). As written, the draft appears adequate as a vehicle for obtaining a Presidential decision on the Space Station issue.
- 2. (S/NOFORN) I recommend the DDCI support Option 3: Defer commitment pending additional definition of requirements, costs, and risks.
- 3. (S/NOFORN) My rationale for recommending Option 3 is as follows:
 - The national security community has no currently identifiable requirements which would necessitate a permanently manned Space Station;
 - b. It would be premature to commit to such a major civil space program without first fully understanding the resource implications of pending national security initiatives (e.g. defense against ballistic missiles, and space system survivability enhancements).

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